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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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TITLE OF INVENTION

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INTERCONNECTION OF COMPONENTS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
 - [X] This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
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 The US has been elected by the expiration as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
- - a. [X] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. [] has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- 5. [X] A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- 6. [] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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- 7. [] A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- 8. [X] An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- 9. [] A translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 10-15 below concern document(s) or information included:

- 10. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 11. [X] An assignment document for recording.

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- 12. [X] A preliminary amendment.
- 13. [X] A substitute specification
- 14. [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 15. [] Other items or information:

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